

## BRIDGE ACROSS THE WHITE RIVER, ARK.

JANUARY 30, 1925.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. PARKS of Arkansas, from the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 11703]

The Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to whom was referred the bill H. R. 11703, a bill granting the consent of Congress to G. B. Deane, of St. Charles, Ark., to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the White River, at or near the city of St. Charles, in the county of Arkansas, in the State of Arkansas, having considered the same, report thereon with amendment and as so amended recommend that it pass.

The bill as amended has the approval of the War and Agriculture Departments, as will appear by the letters attached and which are made a part of this report.

Page 2, line 3, add another paragraph reading as follows:

SEC. 2. That the State of Arkansas, or any political subdivision or division thereof, within or adjoining which said bridge is located, may at any time, by agreement or by condemnation in accordance with the laws of said State, acquire all right, title, and interest in said bridge and the approaches thereto constructed under authority of this act, for the purpose of maintaining and operating such bridge as a free bridge by the payment to the owners of the reasonable value thereof, not to exceed in any event the construction cost thereof: *Provided*, That the said State or political subdivision or division thereof may operate such bridge as a toll bridge not to exceed five years from date of acquisition thereof.

Page 2, line 4, strike out "2" and insert "3" in lieu thereof.

WAR DEPARTMENT, January 23, 1925.

Respectfully returned to the chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, House of Representatives.

So far as the interests committed to this department are concerned, I know of no objection to the favorable consideration of the accompanying bill, H. R. 11703, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, granting the consent of Congress to G. B. Deane, of St. Charles, Ark., to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge

across the White River, at or near the city of St. Charles, in the county of Arkansas, in the State of Arkansas.

As the navigable portions of the White River do not lie within the limits of a single State the consent of Congress is required under section 9 of the river and harbor act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151), for the construction of a bridge thereover.

JOHN W. WEEKS, *Secretary of War.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,  
Washington, January 23, 1925.

Hon. SAMUEL E. WINSLOW,  
*Chairman Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,  
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. WINSLOW: Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 19 inclosing a copy of H. R. 11703 for report thereon and for such views relative thereto as the department might desire to communicate.

This bill would authorize G. B. Deane, of St. Charles, Ark., his successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches across the White River at or near the city of St. Charles, Arkansas County, State of Arkansas. This undoubtedly would be a toll bridge. The site indicated for the location of this bridge is on the system of Federal-aid highways approved for Arkansas and a Federal-aid project has been constructed with its easterly terminus very near to the proposed crossing of the river. The department, therefore, would very much regret to see a toll bridge constructed at this point.

Sincerely,

HOWARD M. GORE, *Secretary.*